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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Nakano, et al.
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For : NONBACTERIAL PROSTATITIS
MODEL ANIMAL
Examiner : Malou Gemeniano
Group Art Unit : 1632

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed March 23, 2006. In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-12, drawn to a nonbacterial prostatitis animal model and methods of preparing and using the animal model. This election is made without traverse.

No fees are believed due for the present Amendment, however, should any fees be due, please charge them to our deposit account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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